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Mana Walk and Amazing Race

From the Principal

Tena Koutou

STAFF LEAVING – Tomorrow will be the last day for a number of our staff – Myf Skuse will be retiring after 16 years teaching primarily foods technology at the Technology Centre. Myf started in 1999 and became the Team Leader at the centre in 2004. I sincerely thank Myf for her outstanding work with children from Plimmerton School and from all the contributing schools. Sandra Morgan has resigned and will be relocating to Christchurch. Sandra started teaching at the school in 2005 and has more recently taught part-time whilst raising her family. Sandra MacLean also started teaching at this school in 2005 and she has resigned and will be relocating to the Auckland. I thank both Sandra's for their contributions and wish them and their respective families all the very best in their new homes. Jen Cooze has relieved in Room 18 since the middle of the year and she will be moving to Maidstone Intermediate. I thank Jen for her work and wish her all the best. Lisa Cuttance will be going on Maternity Leave effective from the beginning of 2015. We wish Lisa the very best for the remainder of her pregnancy and for the birth of her twins!





From the Principal continued...

REPORTS & PORTFOLIOS - End of year student reports and portfolios were sent home last Friday. Please return any portfolios for students remaining in a syndicate (Years 1,3,5,7) that have not yet been returned first thing in the morning – thank you.

STAFF END OF YEAR FUNCTION – This will be held in the staffroom /BBQ area tomorrow afternoon. The pool and BBQ area will be closed to the public until 7:00pm. Parents and children are asked to give staff privacy for their end of year function.

BANK SLIDE – The new slide beside the Arts Centre has been lowered to reduce the slope/speed and has had a landing pad installed at the base. The slide was previously too fast and the angle at the bottom was excessively sharp resulting in some hard landings.

FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – The final assembly will be held at 11:00am tomorrow. This is our most formal occasion of the year and it will be attended by the Board of Trustees and a great number of parents. The assembly usually takes up to an hour and the occasion is used to officially farewell our Year 8 students. All parents and friends of the school are very welcome to attend. School will finish after the assembly (approx 12:00 midday) and parents are reminded that the bus will leave at 12.15 pm. After School Care will be available until 6 pm but bookings are essential.

2015 CLASS LISTS – Class lists will be posted on our school noticeboard beside the school gate at midday on Friday 30 January. They will also be posted on our website on a password protected page. The password to access the page will be "xxxx". Please make a note of this password if you are planning on using it, as it will be removed from newsletters posted on the website.

2015 – Teacher Only Days will be held on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd February and school commences for the year at 9:00am on Wednesday 4th February (Friday 6th is Waitangi Day). 2015 Term dates are published on our website - see the "2015 Term Dates" tab on the home page.

2015 SCHOOL ORGANISATION – Published in the Term 4/Week 7 Newsletter. Refer to our website www.plimmerton.school.nz/Parents Zone/Weekly Newsletters/#4-7 Page 3 for details.). New staff joining the team next year will include Carol Shaw - Team Leader Technology, Julie Knapp – teaching Year 2, Andrew Brown – teaching Year 3/4 and Rebecca Courtney – teaching Year 5/6.

END OF YEAR - I thank the entire staff team for their wonderful work throughout the year and thank parents and all helpers for their outstanding support. I also thank our Board of Trustees for the excellent governance and the P.T.A. for their amazing contribution.

Wishing one and all a happy Christmas, a great new year and a safe holiday.

Tena koutou katoa,

Maurice Laird, Principal



Green Scene

Last night the Mayor presented us with our award for being Porirua's Most Beautiful School 2014 in the 250 + category. Taela Allan received her award for being so dedicated. This was a school wide effort and I thank you all for your contribution.

Today I took Maddy and Caitlin from Room 21 to spend their Bunnings Voucher. They won the sunflower growing competition and spent the money on some lovely things for the environment.

The slide that the Green Team initiated is in full use and is getting rave reviews. What an awesome idea to counter the erosion.

We have had a very successful, productive year. Thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm and I look forward to working with you all next year.

Wishing you all a very relaxing summer holiday.

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Board of Trustees

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PTA

- **NEXT TERM'S FUNDRAISERS** – we are looking for anyone who would like to be involved in helping with the following events, please email pta@plimmerton.school.nz:-
- **Kids Triathlon** – Sunday 14th March, warm up for Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon
- **Evening with Graham Lowe** – Thursday 19th March 2015

Notices

UKULELE 2015 (for grown ups too!)

Text me on 027-4836217 if you like the idea of learning the ukulele next year... Come on, it'll be fun. We could possibly co-ordinate a bit of an orchestra if there is enough interest. Lessons available for your children at school on guitar, bass, ukulele or drums. Regards, Caroline.

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon – Sunday 29th March 2015. To register go to try.weetbix.co.nz, don't forget to link to the school group Plimmerton. Earlybird Discount runs out **TOMORROW**, Friday 19th 12 noon.

Healthy Kids Corner

GARLIC BREAD RECIPE

1 tsp. olive oil
 1 garlic clove
 1 tb chopped parsley
 3 medium slices of sourdough bread

Step 1 – Preheat oven to 180°C
 Place olive oil, garlic and parsley in a food processor and blend roughly to make a paste.

Step 2 – Spread a thin layer of paste on bread slices. Place on a baking tray and toast in the oven for 5 minutes, or until golden.



Social Skills, Term 4, Weeks 9 and 10

“THE GIVING SEASON”

Key competencies: Managing self, relating to others, participating and contributing

Connecting behaviours: Supporting, encouraging, respecting.

Basic need: Belonging, love.

Values: Respect, sharing - collective strength, reflection, celebrating successes

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking about what I can give rather than what I am going to get. • Giving to food banks and places that care for animals. • Thanking all the people who have helped us this year. • Writing cards or letters to say thank you. • Reflecting on the best times at school this year and thinking about the people that made those good times happen. • Inviting people to our Parent Helper's Morning Tea. • Offering to help and completing the task. • Helping to move furniture and resources when teachers are moving rooms. • Putting on our best performance for our parents, family and friends at the Christmas Cultural Performance. • Noticing when people are tired and need our help. • Thinking about people who are sad at this time of the year and doing things to help them. • Sharing. • Being tolerant. • Being aware that some people are worried about changes in 2015 and supporting them. • Acknowledging and respecting gifts and cards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I am buying a present to put under the tree at K- mart for children who don't have much.” • “We got some extra packets of cereal for putting in the trolley for the Food Bank at the supermarket.” • “I've brought some cat food for the Cats Protection League.” • “My reading has got much better this year because Sarah has helped me every Monday.” • “I'm writing a card to thankfor helping me this year with” • “Camp was the best thing this year and my teacher and my dad were cool fun.” • “I have given my mum the invitation to the morning tea. She has helped on all our trips.” • I've been learning all the words of our song. I'm going to sing up.” • “Can I help?” • “Would you like me to pack up things you need to shift to your new room?” • “We are going to inviteto our house this Christmas because their grandma has just died.” • “It's your turn to go on the I-pad now, I have had my turn.” • “Lean on me.” • “Thank you for your card and the nice words you wrote.”



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WESTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL CLUB 2015 REGISTRATION DAYS

Mighty Midgets, Juniors and Seniors (all grades):

Monday 9th February 5.30pm – 8.00pm at Endeavour Park Clubrooms, Whitby

Tuesday 10th February 5.30pm - 8.00pm at Endeavour Park Clubrooms, Whitby

Thursday 12th February 5.30pm – 8.00pm at Endeavour Park Clubrooms, Whitby

For further information about our Club, please visit our website at

www.westernsuburbs.co.nz . Forms for online registration will be available on our website just prior to the above dates. Please note that fees must be paid at the time of registration. Junior grades 9 to 14 need to have registered and paid by Thursday 12th February in order to take part in trials.

SPRINGHILL DANCE

Stretch, tone and dance for adults: Have fun and tone up for summer with our fantastic class with Harika Akbaba on Thursday nights 7.30 - 8.30 cost \$120 per term

Primary modern jazz: We have now put on a primary modern jazz (8 yrs and up) on Thursdays 5.30 - 6.00 cost \$100 per term. Come and have a go. For further information: www.springhilldance.co.nz 2399916/021744928 or come and see me at the hall.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH IRENE SWADDLING

Teacher, publisher and author.

January 20, 21 & 22 - 2015

Open to Year 6 - 9 students.

\$10 per student per day.

Contact Irene – 2339988 - harene.swadling@clear.net.nz

AUTHOR OF THE GRUFFALO JULIA DONALDSON IN WELLINGTON

Macmillan Publishers, Scholastic NZ, and The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie invite children and the young at heart to join Julia Donaldson, author of The Gruffalo, Room on the Broom and other beloved children's books, for a very special concert.

St Peter's on Willis, 211 Willis St, Te Aro, Wellington Thursday 12 February 2015 11:00am – 12:00pm. Julia will speak, read and sing from her wide range of children's books. A special treat for Gruffalo fans everywhere!

All profits from the concert will go to the Graduate Support Programme at He Huarahi Tamariki - The School for Teenage Parents in Tawa. Bookings essential at <http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2015/julia-donaldson-in-wellington/wellington>



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YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We've got another jam-packed holiday programme planned – focusing on broadening children's skillsets and hobbies. Whether it be learning a new sport, developing performance arts skills, learning how things are made, how to survive out in the bush or how to spot endangered animals and care for them. We'll also be having lots of fun in the sun – lots of water activities and outdoor visits. Kids can play fun games in the park with all their friends. We've also got some exciting visits including Wellington Chocolate factory, Six Barrel Soda Company factory, a special presentation at Carter Observatory, imagination playground at the Dowse, and last but not least the chance to get super adventurous and experience Camp Kaitoke for the day! There will also be family favourites such as Junglerama, Laser Force and our big trip to Embassy Theatre. We're also extremely excited to round off the holidays with our famous Summer Carnival. Fun galore! **10% discount** available for families that book in before December 18th. Families can also book in online and see all of our information on our website at ymcawellington.org.nz.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES @ PARISH OF PAUATAHANUI

Wed 24th Christingle, Our Place Family Service, 4pm @ St Andrew's
 Wed 24th Carols, Candles and Communion Service, 11pm @ St Andrew's
 Wed 24th Carols, Candles and Communion Service, 11pm @ St Alban's
 Thurs 25th Traditional Christmas Service, 8am @ St Andrew's
 Thurs 25th A Family Christmas Service, 9.30am @ St Andrew's
 Thurs 25th A Family Christmas Service, 9.30am @ St Philip's
 For more info check out our website: www.pauanglican.org.nz

"Looking for something to do in the School Holidays? Enroll now for a Wellington School of Cricket Holiday Programme, running from 20 to 23 January at the Westpac Stadium in our indoor training facility. To enroll please send registration to ivan@firebirds.co.nz. Full details and costs, check our website on www.cricketwellington.co.nz, under the Wellington School of Cricket tab"